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Safety and Environmental Management System Requirements for Vessels on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf

Today, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) published in the *Federal Register* an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the intention of promulgating regulations that would require vessels engaged in OCS activities to develop, implement, and maintain a vessel-specific Safety and Environmental Management System that incorporates the management program and principles of the American Petroleum Institute's Recommended Practice for Development of a Safety and Environmental Management Program for Offshore Operations and Facilities, Third Edition, May 2004 (API RP 75).

The notice informs the public of this action and solicits comments on whether an SEMS that incorporates the management program and principles of API RP 75 is appropriate for vessels engaged in OCS activities, would reduce risk and casualties, and would improve safety on the OCS. The Coast Guard would use such comments to assist in developing these new regulations.

The notice may be reviewed at http://www.regulations.gov docket number: USCG-2012-0779.

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